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Dear Cyril,

In hasty response to your letter of May 22, my best source has just reported that the source most helpful to him will not be accessible for the summer, in all probability. He knows I have told you what I have in paraphrase and approves, and will be, as he has been, on the alert. You will be promptly informed if we learn anything.

I will not quote you on anything unless you approve in advance. I would like to be able to allude to his trying to pump you in advance of the meeting of the panel, if necessary or if you prefer, anonymously. But for this, when you can, I'd like your words, not my recollection of what you told me. If you prefer that I make no mention of it, that also is okay. I will then say it on my responsibility, not saying you told me.

There may be means by which I can learn the nature and extent of the federal grants. When I can I will explore them.

It is my hope to be able to speak to a primary source in the near future. While it is probable that he will prefer not to speak to me (and I do not here refer to any member of the panel but to someone who has heard Fisher make the referred-to comments), it is also within possibility that he will. In that event, I may be able to tell you more. Save for the exact language and the sources, I have told you everything I know.

With what I will be prepared to show this person, I think he will immediately understand the extreme impropriety of Fisher's comments and more. He is a professional man of one of your disciplines.

Should you ever find any printed reference to any of the grants that interest me, I'd very much appreciate copies.

My immediate interest (in writing) is on the Ray case, where a hearing is scheduled for Monday and where all sorts of wrong things have been happening and are current. I will be preoccupied on this for a while now.

Many thanks.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg